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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Phouphanomketh Ditthavong on April 13, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 11, and 19 have been amend to clarify the invention.

--Claim 1, An iron head for a golf club including a head body made of a metal and having a hosel part, and a plate-like face body welded to the head body and made of a metallic material different from the metal of the head body, the plate-like face body having first through fourth peripheries arranged adjacent to toe, heel, top, and sole portions of said head body respectively, comprising:

a cavity portion between said plate-like face body and a back part of said head body, said cavity portion being defined so as to extend in said head body from a first position adjacent the toe portion of said head body to a second position adjacent to a heel portion of said head body, sand second position being remote from said secondary periphery in a direction toward said heel portion of said head body, said head body having a receipt portion thereof provided for receiving a rear face portion of said

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plate-like face body adjacent to said second periphery, said receipt portion having a length equal to or less than one fourth of a length of said second periphery, said second periphery being positioned in a specified position wherein a golf ball is prevented from coming into direct contact with said second periphery even when said golf ball is sized such that said golf ball is in contact with both a surface of said hosel part and a surface of said plate-like face body apart from said second periphery simultaneously.—

--Claim 11. An iron head for a golf club including a head body made of a metal having a hosel part, and a plate-like face body welded to the head body and made of a metallic material different from the metal of the head body, comprising

a cavity portion between said plate-like face body and a back part of said head body, said cavity portion being defined so as to extend to a position remote from a periphery of said plate-like face body located on the side of a heel of said head body.

wherein said periphery is positioned such that a golf ball is prevented from contacting said periphery when a golf ball is sized such that said golf ball is in contact with both a surface of said hosel part and a surface of said plate-like face body simultaneously, and

wherein said cavity portion extending between a rear face of said plate-like face body and back part of said head body is formed to be fluidly communicated with shaft receipt hole provided in said hosel part of said iron head.—

--Claim 19. A golf club head comprising:

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a head body made of metal;

a hosel part; and

a plate-like face body made of a metallic material different from the metal of the head body, wherein one periphery of the plate-like face body adjacent the hosel part is positioned such that a golf ball is prevented from contacting the one periphery when the golf ball is sized such that the golf ball is in contact with both a surface of the hosel part and a surface of the plate-like face body simultaneously, and the plate-like face body defines a cavity portion with the head body, the cavity portion extending beyond a vertical edge of the plate-like face body adjacent to the hosel part.--

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 and 6-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not show or suggest a club head having a connection between the face and body such that a golf ball does not come into contact with the connection when hitting the face and hosel simultaneously.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin A. Hunter whose telephone number is (571) 272-4411. The examiner can normally be reached on 8AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Kim can be reached on (571) 272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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